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LCO No. 2876



Referred to Committee on AGING

Introduced by:
(AGE)

AN ACT CONCERNING MANDATED REPORTERS OF ELDERLY ABUSE.

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (a) of section 17b-451 of the general statutes is
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective*
3 *October 1, 2015*):

4 (a) [Any physician] For purposes of this subsection, "mandated
5 reporter" means a: (1) Physician or surgeon licensed under the
6 provisions of chapter 370; [any] (2) resident physician or intern in any
7 hospital in this state, whether or not so licensed; [any] (3) registered
8 nurse; [any] (4) nursing home administrator, nurse's aide or orderly
9 in a nursing home facility or residential care home; [any] (5)
10 emergency medical technician certified under the provisions of chapter
11 368d, (6) person paid for caring for a patient in a nursing home facility
12 or residential care home; [any] (7) staff person employed by a nursing
13 home facility or residential care home; [any] (8) professional patients'
14 advocate; [any] (9) licensed practical nurse; [] (10) medical examiner;
15 [] (11) dentist; [] (12) optometrist; [] (13) chiropractor; [] (14)

16 podiatrist; [.] (15) social worker; [.] (16) clergyman; [.] (17) police
 17 officer; [.] (18) pharmacist; [.] (19) psychologist; [or] (20) physical
 18 therapist; [.] and [any] (21) person paid for caring for an elderly person
 19 by any institution, organization, agency or facility, [. Such persons
 20 shall include] including, but not limited to, an employee of a (A)
 21 community-based services provider, (B) senior center, (C) home care
 22 agency, (D) homemaker and companion agency, (E) adult day care
 23 center, (F) village-model community, and (G) congregate housing
 24 facility. [.] Any mandated reporter who has reasonable cause to
 25 suspect or believe that any elderly person has been abused, neglected,
 26 exploited or abandoned, or is in a condition that is the result of such
 27 abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment, or is in need of protective
 28 services, shall [, not later than seventy-two hours after such suspicion
 29 or belief arose,] report such information, or cause a report to be made
 30 in any reasonable manner, not later than seventy-two hours after such
 31 suspicion or belief arose to the Commissioner of Social Services or to
 32 the person or persons designated by the commissioner to receive such
 33 reports. Any [person required to report under the provisions of this
 34 section] mandated reporter who fails to make such report within the
 35 prescribed time period shall be fined not more than five hundred
 36 dollars, except that, if such [person] mandated reporter intentionally
 37 fails to make such report within the prescribed time period, such
 38 person shall be guilty of a class C misdemeanor for the first offense
 39 and a class A misdemeanor for any subsequent offense. Any
 40 institution, organization, agency or facility employing individuals to
 41 care for persons sixty years of age or older shall provide mandatory
 42 training on detecting potential abuse, [and] neglect, exploitation or
 43 abandonment of such persons and inform such employees of their
 44 obligations under this section.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	October 1, 2015	17b-451(a)
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Statement of Purpose:

To add certified emergency medical technicians to mandated reporters of suspected abuse, neglect, exploitation or abandonment of elderly persons.

[Proposed deletions are enclosed in brackets. Proposed additions are indicated by underline, except that when the entire text of a bill or resolution or a section of a bill or resolution is new, it is not underlined.]